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SUBJECT: ISRAELI POSITION ON FOLLOW-UP TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO APPROACH MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF TELS, FONMIN ALLON TOLD ME TODAY THAT GOI AGREES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE AND ENDORSE RESULTS OF WFC AS A WHOLE AND THAT IT WILL INSTRUCT ITS UNDEL TO WORK IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH USDEL IN NEW YORK TO ACHIEVE "NON-CONTENTIOUS AND RELATIVELY SIMPLE RESOLUTION, PERMITTING PROMPT AND ENERGETIC FOLLOW-UP" M END SUMMARY.

2. I PRESENTED THE CASE FOR FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOOD CONFERENCE SET FORTH IN REFEELS TO WHICH HE HAD A RATHER FORMAL REPLY AND PRESENTED ME WITH A COPY READING QUOTE
THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL SHARES THE VIEW OF THE US GOVERNMENT
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THAT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE REPRESENTS THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE

EFFORT TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED AND LONG-RANGE FRAMEWORK FOR THE TACKLING OF FOOD PROBLEMS ON A GLOBAL BASIS. IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS FROM THE OUTSET SUPPORTED THE INITIATIVE FOR THE CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE. ITS REPRESENTATIVES, DURING THE PREPARATORY STAGE AND AT THE CONFERENCE, HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE ISRAEL ATTACHES TO IT AND, IT IS SUBMITTED, MADE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSURE ATTAINMENT OF ITS OBJECTIVES.

3. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WISHES TO REFER TO THE STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF ITS DELEGATION SUPPORTING, INTER ALIA, PROPOSALS, FOR A FOOD INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM, A COORDINATED SYSTEM OF NATIONAL STOCK POLICIES, AND THE CONTINUATION AND WIDENING OF FOOD AID PROGRAMMES. THE STATEMENT ALSO SUGGESTED A NUMBER OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EFFORTS DESIGNED TO EXPAND FOOD PRODUCTION, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH IN PART HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. FOR THESE REASONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AGREES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE AND ENDORSE THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE AND IT WILL INSTRUCT ITS UN DELEGATION TO WORK IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE COUNTERPART US DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, TO ACHIEVE A NON-CONTENTIOUS AND RELATIVELY SIMPLE RESOLUTION, PERMITTING PROMPT AND ENERGETIC FOLLOW-UP.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WISHES TO STRESS THAT, IN THE PAST, ISRAEL HAS CONSIDERED THE FAO TO BE THE APPROPRIATE FORUM WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF FOOD ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS. IT ENTERTAINS CERTAIN RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF ECOSOC. IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND AS A RESULT OF REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ENVISAGED IN THE RELEVANT WFC PROPOSAL, ISRAEL WILL BE PREVENTED FROM TAKING PART IN THE WORK OF THE PROPOSED COUNCIL AND WILL THUS, IN EFFECT, BE EXCLUDED FROM ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES, SOME OF WHICH, LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WILL BE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, SOLICIT THE SUPPORT OF THE US TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST A SENIOR STAFF POSITION IN THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE FILLED BY AN APPOINTEE FROM ISRAEL.

6. THE DELEGATION OF ISRAEL HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED IN ROME ITS STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PAYMENT OF TRAVEL COSTS AND OTHER RELEVANT EXPENSES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (INCLUDING THE SO-CALLED "PALESTINAI LIBERATION ORGANIZATION"). THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL URGES THAT THIS ISSUE BE OMITTED FROM ANY GENERAL

RESOLUTUION ENDORSING THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE, THUS
ENSURING ITS NON-CONTENTIOUS NATURE. END TEXT.
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